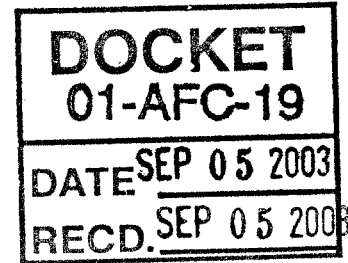


September 5, 2003

California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: SMUD Cosumnes Power Plant Project  
Docket No. 01-AFC-19

It is my understanding that SMUD is proposing to route a pipeline through agricultural land that I lease for farming from Tim Morse, Kevin Morse, and Kirsti Fong. The purpose of this letter is to object to the proposed pipeline route because it would severely impact current and future farming of the property.

Since I am unable to predict the type of crop needed to successfully farm in California, it is imperative that I have the option of a viable crop. It may become necessary to plant vineyards or orchards versus alfalfa or corn to continue to be profitable, however, the pipeline would continually limit my crop choices and property access to support those choices. If the proposed pipeline is approved on the Eschinger property and restrictions are placed on farming, access to the property, and farming equipment allowed, I would be forced to discontinue my lease and future farming potential on the property would be compromised.

The property owned by Tim Morse, Kevin Morse, and Kirsti Fong is next to the Wackman property where an exception was made to route the pipeline on Eschinger Road rather than through the Wackman property. The same consideration should be made for this property and use the existing right-of-way on Eschinger Road for the pipeline route.

Please consider my objection when making your decision on the proposed SMUD pipeline route.

Sincerely,

Case Van Styne, Leaseholder  
Property on Eschinger Road, Elk Grove, CA